

LETTER FROM MEDINA MAN IN ARMENIA

Following is a very interesting letter from Armenia, written by B. L. Horn to his parents Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Horn, 116 North Broadway. The writer, who is well known to many readers of the Sentinel, is engaged in missionary and relief work in that far-away stricken land, and he recites harrowing incidents of their sorrows and sufferings.

Kazachi Post, Alexandropole Armenia, Nov. 12, 1921.

My other letters have been hit and miss and I scarcely know just what I have written about and what I have not. I know I have not written about the events of the day, so I will start with them.

I had an appointment with the president of the Revolutionary Committee, or the Revcom, as it is known. I got some breakfast and got into my car with my interpreter and Capt. Smith, who is in charge of general relief, (we are feeding 25,000 outside our regular work at this post), and went down to see him. He is a boy about 23 and very well educated, as many Russians are. He is Russian-Armenian. He had asked to be shown the work here and at Polygon, so I figured that as he can do things for us, being the head of the Soviet government, it was well to interest him in our work. So we took him to Kazachi, which is about two miles south of Alexandropole. We showed him all the work we were doing and got him really interested.

The fun of it was that he could compare our work with that of the orphanages in Alexandropole where the government is trying to care for 3,000 orphans. We have just recently taken these orphanages over and are making rapid improvements in the buildings and in the care of the children, but before we took them I may as well say

that the government was making a sorry mess of their care. Capt. Smith is an old army man (an engineer) and afterwards was with the Red Cross in Riga, Russia and he is doing a wonderful work here in the city orphanages and in general relief. Incidentally, some of you may be interested in the fact that he was one of the engineers who laid out and constructed the cut-off on the B. & O. between Lester and Chippewa Lake. To my mind he is by far the best man we have here in the Caucasus, none excepted.

His honor, the president, we duly impressed and I firmly believe that the day's work will work out to some real good for the Near East work here. At any rate, he promised a lot of things. However, you must remember that the government is weak because it is governing an impoverished country. He is a chap of high ambitions, the best type of Soviet, I think and somehow I felt in a position to help him rather than he me. Still there are certain things that he can do for us that are very necessary and he not only promised to do everything he could, but said he would use his influence to get help from the central government for Armenia, which is Erivan. More than that he confessed that our work here he considered about the most hopeful sign for the country he is controlling. I took the opportunity of telling him some of the ideals of American government. He can use suggestions for what they are worth. The best men, Bolsheviks or Soviets, have many ideals of government similar to our American ideals. He showed special interest in our schools. School age pupils spend half a day in school and half a day working. We have some 75 of the best teachers in Armenia. We can pay them. The government unfortunately cannot, being without funds.

One of the main things was that I got the promise of a saw-mill out of

the president, and if I get that, our biggest problem is solved, for I have lots of timber in our wood-pile, dry stuff like telephone poles, that can be sawed into lumber, the one thing we need very, very badly and simply cannot buy for love nor money nor even for old clothes. If I get that saw mill I will be about as happy a fellow as can be, for it will mean so much. He also promised us the central city bath house and if we can get that we can bathe our 3,000 kids downtown and begin the first step of curing them of scabies and favus, with which most of them are afflicted. So we have two big things in sight as the result of today, besides many smaller ones.

I must tell you about my job yesterday. I foresaw, as anyone would, that I was going to take a lot of wood to keep 3,000 orphans down town warm this winter and a lot more to cook their food. I also realized that the roads downtown would be almost impassable as soon as they break up. So Smith and I went seeking for a store house to put in a winter supply. Heretofore when we sent wood down town we have had trouble with the government militia, which requisitioned it. We pay for wood, while the government only promises to pay; consequently we get first whack at all wood offered for sale and so far have bought all that was offered. So the government had to requisition. We finally found a store house and got it assigned to us by the proper government authorities. It is a big 12-room house, with big stable and store houses, all surrounded by a high wall. We pay a small rental for it to the government—the owner holds the sack. Then I got two of my foremen and took them over the ground, for tomorrow the wood will go in there. I also took along our English-speaking Scout master—our 175 Boy Scouts are our post guards and early tomorrow morning I shall head the procession of some 500 ox-carts of wood and with the Scouts along the two miles of road to keep things moving and be on guard we will put a supply of wood in for

the city orphanages. I am looking forward to it as a big day, naturally. I have the president of Revcom's promise that the wood shall go in unimpeded. I have invited the president out for dinner Wednesday evening. He much enjoyed a series of boxing bouts put on by the Boy Scouts today.

Well, Monday was a big day and I was up at 5 and I didn't have anything to think of but that wood pile. When I looked out of the window, I thought the whole campus was full of wood carts, mostly ox-drawn with here and there water buffaloes. I got three saddle horses, one for myself, interpreter and Scoutmaster, and we went to it and got the carts in single file and started for town and we had four solid miles of carts when they were strung out, and the record at night showed we had unloaded exactly 750 carts.

The next day I went with Captain Smith to District 3, where he is feeding 4,500 orphans and destitute children, and aged people. It is 25 miles away across the mountains. I have seen starvation aplenty before, but nothing like I saw there. I cannot describe it. In one room, half underground as Armenian houses are built and used as an "orphanage," we found 60 children huddled together to keep warm, with dirty rags to cover them. Two children lay dead on the floor and I saw two others that are dead before this. You can think of the worst picture of starvation you ever saw, and even then you have no conception. In that one village there are 360 orphans and there are 28 villages in that district and we have 7 districts within driving distance from Alexandropole.

There live the 25,000 extra children we are trying to feed. It looks and is almost hopeless, for few of them can live thru the winter. We came back and by scheming here and there we have decided to bring them into the Alexandropole orphanage. But we cannot take them all, so many will die, and be better off. I think I have written enough for

once. I don't know when I can write again.

With kindest regards,
B. L. HORN

Address me always—
c/o Near East Relief
Constantinople, Turkey.

THE STATE OF OHIO)
MEDINA COUNTY, ss)

IN THE PROBATE COURT
P. W. WOODS as Administrator)
of the Estate of Oscar)
Lane, deceased,)
Plaintiff)
VS)
EMMETT LANE, ET AL)
Defendants)

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Situated in the Township of Brunswick, County of Medina and State of Ohio, and known as being a part of the west part of Lot No. 6 in Tract No. 1 in the west half of said Township and bounded and described as follows:—On the north by land in said Lot owned by T. D. Miner; on the east and south by land in said Lot owned by E. S. & T. S. Tibbets; and on the west by the center of the public highway, and containing two (2) acres of land.

The prayer of the Petition is that said property be ordered sold to pay the debts and charges aforesaid and that a Guardian Ad Litem may be appointed for the defendant Opal Hiar, and each of the above defendants are hereby notified that they have been made parties defendant to said Petition and that they are required to answer the on or before the 15th day of February, 1922.

F. W. Woods, Medina, Ohio
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